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Re:

U.S. Patent Application No. 10/002,842

Filed: 11/14/2001

Title: Method for Differentiating Irritable Bowel Syndrome from Inflammatory Bowel Disease (IBD) and for Monitoring Persons with IBD Using Total Endogenous Lactoferrin as a Marker

Our Docket No. TLAB.79219

Dear Examiner Cook:

In response to non-compliant amendment dated June 23, 2005, enclosed herewith is the revised amendment in response to the Office Action dated March 9, 2005. Please consider the remarks and amendments for the above-identified application.

Sincerely. ian M. Dickman

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: METHOD FOR DIFFERENTIATING IRRITABLE BOWEL SYNDROME FROM INFLAMMATORY BOWEL DISEASE (IBD) AND FOR MONITORING PERSONS WITH IBD USING

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Dear Sir:

<u>AMENDMENT</u>

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 9, 2005, please consider the remarks and amendments for the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.